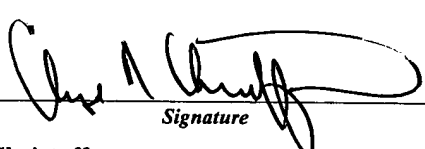


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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/551,118

Dear Examiner Jaketic:

Further to our phone conversation earlier today, in which it became apparent that our timely filing of an amendment in this case on March 29, 2004 had not found its way to the official file, I am attaching a copy thereof, including proof of delivery and receipt.

The filing was hand delivered. The proof of delivery is the OIPE stamp, dated March 29, 2004, on the top sheet above the attached filing. As is our practice, we make two copies of the descriptive postcard for the filing, placing one in the file and giving the other to the courier. A copy of the file copy (without the OIPE stamp) is the second sheet above the attached filing.

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Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2003, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the
listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.